



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

Registered Agent
Rural King Distributing
4216 DeWitt Avenue
Mattoon, IL 61938

DEC - 5 2017

RE: MUR 7007
Rural King Distributing

Dear Sir or Madam:

On February 12, 2016, the Federal Election Commission ("Commission") notified Rural King Distributing of a Complaint alleging violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. On November 7, 2017, based upon the information contained in the Complaint, the Commission found that there is no reason to believe that Rural King Distributing violated 52 U.S.C. § 30118(a). Accordingly, the Commission has closed the file in this matter as it pertains to Rural King Distributing.

The Commission reminds you that the confidentiality provisions of 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(12)(A) remain in effect, and that this matter is still open with respect to other respondents. The Commission will notify you when the entire file has been closed. The Factual and Legal Analysis, which more fully explains the Commission's finding, is enclosed for your information.

If you have any questions, please contact Roy Q. Lockett, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Allen".

Mark Allen
Assistant General Counsel

Enclosure
Factual and Legal Analysis

1 **FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**

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3 **FACTUAL AND LEGAL ANALYSIS**

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6 **RESPONDENT:** Rural King Distributing

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8 **I. INTRODUCTION**

9 This matter was generated based on a Complaint filed by Richard Stubblefield. As set
10 forth below, the Federal Election Commission (the "Commission" finds no reason to believe that
11 Rural King Distributing ("Respondent") violated 52 U.S.C. § 30118(a), a provision of the
12 Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"), by making a prohibited
13 contribution.

14 **II. FACTUAL BACKGROUND**

15 The Complaint alleges that on December 31, 2015, Respondent, a corporation, made a
16 prohibited \$2,700 contribution to Kyle McCarter for Congress Committee ("Committee"), the
17 principal campaign committee for McCarter, who sought the Republican nomination in the 15th
18 Congressional District in Illinois in 2016. Twenty-eight days later, on January 28, 2016, the
19 Committee refunded \$2,700 to Respondent.

20 **III. LEGAL ANALYSIS**

21 The Act and Commission regulations prohibit corporations from making contributions to
22 candidate committees.¹ Contributions that present genuine questions as to whether they are
23 prohibited may be, within ten days of receipt, deposited into a campaign depository or returned
24 to the contributor.² If such contribution is deposited and cannot be determined to be legal, the

¹ 52 U.S.C § 30118(a); 11 C.F.R. § 114.2(b), (d).

² See 11 C.F.R. § 103.3(b)(1).

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